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DEPARTMENT FOR P - DRUSSEL, EAP, EAP/CM

E.O. 12356: DECL: 8/10/2000
TAGS: OVIP (TARNOFF, PETER), PREL, OTRA, CH
SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY TARNOFF'S TRAVEL TO CHINA:
CHINA PROPOSES AUGUST 26-27 FOR TALKS

REP: (A) BEIJING 35460, (B) STATE 186768

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. MFA INFORMED EMBASSY ON AUGUST 10 THAT VICE FOREIGN
MINISTER LI ZHAOXING WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE ON AUGUST

24-25. THE DATES PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR UNDER
SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS IN BEIJING. MFA PROPOSED THAT
THE DISCUSSIONS INSTEAD BE HELD ON AUGUST 26-27.

3. MFA ALSO OFFERED COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING THE TRIP (REF B). THEY REQUEST
THAT WE CHANGE "REVIEW A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT BILATERAL,
REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES," TO "REVIEW A NUMBER OF
BILATERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING TAIWAN." MFA SAID THAT,
AFTER THIS CHANGE, PRESS STATEMENT LANGUAGE BETTER
REFLECTED THE AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND
VICE PREMIER/FOREIGN MINISTER QIAN QICHEN IN BRUNEI TO
FOCUS ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF LEE TENG-HUI'S TRIP TO THE
UNITED STATES.

4. PLEASE ADVISE RE: (A) OUR RESPONSE TO CHINA'S
COUNTERPROPOSAL ON DATES, AND (B) ANY RESPONSE TO CHINA'S
PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE PRESS STATEMENT.

5. COMMENT: THE REQUESTED CHANGE TO PRESS STATEMENT
LANGUAGE REFLECTS BEIJING'S INTENTION TO KEEP THE TALKS
FOCUSED ON TAIWAN. ON DATES, WE ARE CERTAIN THAT THE
CHINESE COUNTERPROPOSAL FOR THE TIMING OF U/S TARNOFF'S
VISIT REFLECTS GENUINE SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES IN VICE
MINISTER LI'S SCHEDULE. MFA OFFICIALS ARE NOT WONT TO
SCHEDULE WORK OVER A WEEKEND IF THEY CAN HELP IT.
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